

Friday, May 17, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5215–S5303

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1771–1776. **Page S5267**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1777, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for certain activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S5267**

Measures Passed:

C-17 Aircraft: Senate passed S. 1710, to authorize multiyear contracting for the C-17 aircraft program. **Pages S5298–99**

Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed there-to, as follows: **Pages S5216–65**

Adopted:

Domenici (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3993, to express the sense of the Senate on funding to assist youth at risk. **Pages S5231–32**

Domenici (for Moseley-Braun/Simon) Amendment No. 3994, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of budgetary savings in the mandatory spending area. **Pages S5232–34**

Murray Amendment No. 3992, to express the sense of the Senate that the General Services Administration should place a high priority on facilitating direct transfer of excess Federal Government computers to public schools and community-based educational organizations. **Pages S5230–31, S5255**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 4004, to express the sense of the Senate on the costs of training sessions off of Federal property. **Pages S5252–53, S5254–55**

Exon (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 4005, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the essential air service program of the Department of Transportation. **Pages S5256–57**

Exon (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 4006, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should immediately approve legislation

providing homemakers with equal retirement savings opportunity. **Pages S5256–57**

Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore \$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms. **Page S5216**

Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions. **Page S5216**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs. **Pages S5216–19**

Wellstone/Kerry Amendment No. 3986, to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers under the Community Oriented Policing Service. **Page S5219**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3987, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress will not enact or adopt any legislation that would increase the number of children who are hungry or homeless. **Page S5219**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3988, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining current expenditure levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997. **Pages S5219–20**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare. **Page S5220**

Kerry Amendment No. 3990, to restore proposed cuts in the environment and natural resources programs, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. **Pages S5220–24, S5234–36**

Kerry Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Function 500 totals to maintain levels of education and training funding that will keep pace with rising school enrollments and the demand for a better-trained workforce, to be offset by the extension of

expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000.

Pages S5239–41, S5242–43

Kennedy Amendment No. 3997, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should maintain the existing prohibition against additional charges by providers under the medicare program.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3998, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should not include any changes in Federal nursing home quality standards or the Federal enforcement of such standards.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3999, to express the sense of the Congress that provisions of current Medicaid law protecting families of nursing home residents from experiencing financial ruin as the price of needed care for their loved ones should be retained.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers.

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Byrd Amendment No. 4001, to increase overall discretionary spending to the levels proposed by the President, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Lott/Smith Amendment No. 4002, to express the sense of the Congress regarding reimbursement of the United States for the costs associated with Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort out of revenues generated by any sale of petroleum originating from Iraq.

Pages S5248–49, S5253–54

Simpson/Moynihan Amendment No. 4003, to express the sense of the Senate that all Federal spending and revenues which are indexed for inflation should be calibrated by the most accurate inflation indices which are available to the Federal Government.

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Graham Amendment No. 4007, to create a 60 vote point of order against legislation diverting savings achieved through Medicare waste, fraud and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Monday, May 20, 1996.

Administration of Presidio Properties—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain

Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Murkowski, Domenici, Nickles, Johnston, and Bumpers.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty with Malaysia signed in Kuala Lumpur on August 3, 1995. (Treaty Doc. No. 104–26). The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report to accompany the Supplementary Social Security Agreement between the U.S. and Austria; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–147).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Alan Philip Larson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Messages From the President:

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Additional Statements:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:03 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Monday, May 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5299.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, receiving testimony from Harris Wofford, President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 22.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Avis T. Bohlen, of

the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Marisa R. Lino, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Jay Stephens, Washington, D.C., and Bruce Ericson and Charles Patterson, both of San Francisco, California, all of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro.

Committee recessed subject to call.